



# Joint Agency CRP/CREP Training

## Jan. 30, & 31, Feb. 1

- ❖ State Payments, Procedures, & Policies
  - For Conservation Partner Staff
    - ✓ FSA, NRCS, SWCDs, DoF, DGIF, NGOs
  - Other conservation minded organizations and individuals

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# VA CREP 2007

## ❖ State Enhancements of the Conservation Reserve Program

- Rental Payment
- Cost Share Payment
- Landowner Bonus Payments
  - ✓ Wetlands (statewide)
  - ✓ 100 foot and wider RFBs (Chesapeake Bay Watershed only)
- C. B. Restoration Fund SWCD Reimbursements
  - ✓ SWCD Recruitment Bonus
  - ✓ SWCD Farm Conservation Planning Bonus



# Rental Payments

- Based upon CP-1 contract document
  - ✓ Acres & length of contract
- \$5/per acre per full year of the contract
  - ✓ Follows FSA SIP payment policies
- Paid when all contract components are completed
- Recorded as CP-21, CP-22, CP-23, or CR-29 on green sheets and BMP tracking program



# Statewide Cost-Share Payment

- Twenty-five percent (25%) of FSA eligible cost, not to exceed \$300 per acre of buffer or wetland restored
- Statewide for any CREP contract supported by a FCP with any one signature dated after May 23, 2006
- Paid when state practice is complete;
  - ✓ When fence and alternative watering system is completed;  
Reported as SL-6, or WP-2
  - ✓ When wetland restored; Reported as WQ-6B
  - ✓ When buffer established; Reported as CRFR-3, or WQ-1
  - ✓ If livestock removed, no fencing or watering system;  
Report as CRLF-1



# State Cost-Share Payment in Chesapeake Bay

## ❖ For CP-22 only

- .1 to 5.0 acres = \$300/ acre of buffer restored
- 5.01 to 10.0 acres = \$400/acre of buffer restored
- Greater than 10.01 acres = \$600/acre of buffer restored

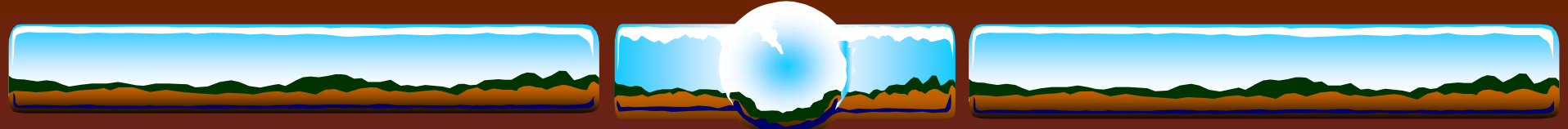


# VA AG. BMP Cost-Share Program (VACS) Piggy-Back Practices

## ❖ Program type Cost-Share & Tax Credit

- SL-6 Can cost-share on interior fencing & chargers
  - ✓ To establish rotational grazing
  - ✓ Not to extend watering systems
- WQ-11 (sinkhole protection)
  - ✓ To remove and dispose of non-woody sources of pollution from sinkholes

## ❖ Must apply for state cost share when FCP approved for CREP



# Statewide Landowner Bonus Payment

- ❖ Wetland Restoration Bonus payment
- ❖ For wetland restoration
  - An additional \$200/acre
    - ✓ \$300/acre (base) + \$200/acre (bonus) = \$500/acre
  - Apply via internet web site
    - ✓ <http://165.176.249.158/WetLands/>
    - ✓ This reserves your CREP bonus funds
    - ✓ You and the SWCD will receive a letter of confirmation
    - ✓ Request payment from SWCD when practice is complete



## **Wetlands Restoration Bonus**

1. [Submit a request for a DCR Wetlands restoration bonus form.](#)
2. [View Wetlands restoration bonus Procedures.](#)





## Wetlands Restoration Bonus

Electronic Form for Requesting Reservation of Wetlands Restoration  
Bonus Funds

Sponsored by Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
For all CREP Eligible Areas Statewide



Funded with Water Quality Improvement Funds  
All Information Requested must be complete.

1) Request Date: Jan 25, 2007



# Chesapeake Bay

## Landowner Bonus Payments

- ❖ These bonus payments are in addition to the state cost share payment
- ❖ For RFBs 100 feet and wider
  - An additional \$100 per acre
  - Apply via internet web site
    - ✓ <http://165.176.249.158/CREPCBRFB/>
    - ✓ This reserves your CREP Bonus Funds
    - ✓ You and the SWCD will receive a letter of confirmation
    - ✓ Request payment from SWCD when practice is complete



# Chesapeake Bay Cost-Share and Landowner Bonus Calculation

- ❖ For 8.6 acres, of CB CP-22 100' wide RFB
  - UP to:  $8.6 \times \$400 = \$3,440$  Cost Share Payment
  - $8.6 \times \$100 = \underline{\$860}$  Landowner Bonus
  - \$4,300 in state payments



## **100 Foot and Wider Riparian Forest Buffer Restoration Bonus Request for Chesapeake Bay Basin only**

1. [Submit a request for a Riparian Forest Buffer bonus payment.](#)
2. [View Riparian Forest Buffer bonus Procedures.](#)



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) Request Date: Jan 26, 2007



# Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund

## ❖ SWCD Recruitment Bonus

- \$50 per contract recruited
- [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_&\\_water/documents/creprecbonus.pdf](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/documents/creprecbonus.pdf)

## ❖ SWCD Farm Conservation Planning Bonus

- \$10 per acre of Farm Conservation Plan written
- [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_&\\_water/documents](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/documents/creprecbonus.pdf)
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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

**RECRUITMENT BONUS  
Request Form**

Made possible by:

THE VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION & RECREATION THROUGH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION FUND (CBRF)  
(COMPRISED OF VOLUNTARY INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF CONTRIBUTIONS)

Please forward the \$50.00 Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Recruitment bonus to

\_\_\_\_\_ Soil and Water Conservation District

for the effort expended to recruit the below described potential CREP participant.

Name of CREP Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

FSA Farm # \_\_\_\_\_, Tract # \_\_\_\_\_ Field #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated CREP rental practice \_\_\_\_\_ Average buffer width \_\_\_\_\_

Date of signature on FSA CRP-2 (CREP application) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please keep a copy of the CRP-2 in the CREP file)*

Number of acres to be restored under this CREP Contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Estimate to nearest one-tenth acre)*

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Soil and

Water Conservation District has recruited the above-described CREP applicant and is therefore

entitled to receive this CBRF Recruitment Bonus funding.

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September 23, 2004



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Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)  
 State Portion -- Payment Incentives Table  
 (updated January 2007)

| Current Incentive<br>(date adopted)  | Buffers  | Wetland   |
|--|--|---|
| State rental payment<br>(total amount is paid upfront)<br>(adopted June 2000)  | \$ 5 / acre / full year of contract  | \$ 5 / acre / year of contract  |
| <b>State Cost Share is capped at 25% of eligible costs, not to exceed :</b>  |  |   |
|  | Forested<br>Riparian Buffer (RFB)  | Wetland   |
| Base Payment<br>All Southern Rivers CREP contracts and<br>Chesapeake Bay RFB contracts less than 100' wide and less than 5 acres total<br>(adopted May 2006) | \$300 / acre   | <b>Wetland of any size statewide<br/>\$500 / acre</b><br><br>\$ 300 / acre base payment (adopted May 2006), plus<br>\$200 / acre bonus payment (adopted April 2005) |
| Chesapeake Bay RFB<br>contracts between 5-10 acres<br>(adopted May 2006)   | \$400 / acre   |   |
| Chesapeake Bay RFB<br>contracts exceeding 10 acres<br>(adopted May 2006)   | \$600 / acre   |   |
| Chesapeake Bay RFB<br>100' wide or wider<br>(adopted April 2005)   | Add \$100 / acre to<br>Appropriate C-S payment<br>\$300 (base) + \$100 = \$400<br>\$400 (base) + \$100 = \$500<br>\$600 (base) + \$100 = \$700 |   |
| <b>Additional Incentive Payments made by DCR to Individual SWCD Districts (adopted October 2004) :</b>   |  |   |
| <b>A) SWCD Recruitment of CREP Contract / Participant: \$ 50 per CREP contract</b>   |  |   |
| <b>B) SWCD Written Farm Conservation Plan for an approved CREP contracts: \$ 10 per acre</b>   |  |   |



# CREP Enrollment Goals

- ❖ VA CREP Enrollment authorized until December 31, 2007
  - Chesapeake Bay
    - ✓ 12,067 acres available
  - Southern Rivers
    - ✓ 3,768 acres available
- ❖ CREP offers the best conservation to the farmer
- Provides cost-effective water quality benefits to VA